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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, A large proportion of diseases and disorders are preventable; modified health risk factors are precursors to a large number of diseases and disorders and to premature death; and

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WHEREAS, Modifiable health risks can be improved through health promotion and disease prevention programs; and

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WHEREAS, Health promotion and disease prevention programs can save the State money in health care expenditures and produce a positive return on investment; and

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WHEREAS, According to a 2004 study, tobacco was the leading cause of actual death in the United States; tobacco use was responsible for 435,000 deaths, which was over 18% of total deaths in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, An analysis of 22 peer-reviewed studies showed that for every dollar invested in health promotion, there was an average savings of \$5.81; there was also an average reduction of health care costs of 26%; and

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WHEREAS, Based on 2001 data, if Illinois reduced smoking in the Medicaid population by 10%, the savings would be 16 million

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1 dollars; a 25% reduction would result in a savings of 40  
2 million; a 50% reduction would save Medicaid 81 million  
3 dollars; and

4 WHEREAS, Creating incentives for Medicaid recipients to  
5 quit smoking will save money for the State and improve the  
6 quality of life of former smokers; the State does not have to  
7 create the program from scratch, but can enter into an  
8 agreement with experts in the health and wellness field to  
9 maximize immediate savings; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 urge the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to create  
13 a pilot incentive-based smoking cessation program for Medicaid  
14 recipients; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the program shall be operational 6 months  
16 after the date of adoption of this resolution; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Department may enter into an agreement  
19 with a third party to create or run the program.